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On February 14, the House Republican Leadership tabled the state budget bill HB 2 in the Appropriations Committee. HB 2 included general fund distributions to school districts and the OPI agency budget. On February 22, HB 809 was introduced by Rep. Bill Glaser as the House Republican Leadership's K-12 budget bill. HB 809 represents a very significant reduction from the K-12 Budget proposed by Governor Schweitzer in HB 2.

### **Distribution to K-12 Schools, New Proposals NOT funded, but approved in Governor's Budget (biennium):**

• Full-Time Kindergarten	\$ 29,079,623
• Increase for Quality Educator Payment	20,012,278
• Federal Retirement Cost Correction	6,439,473
• State Lands Royalties for School Facilities Trust	<u>40,756,019</u>
Total	\$ 96,287,393

### **Existing OPI budget activities that were cut (biennium):**

• Indian Education for All	\$ 1,554,667
• Personal Services Reduction	<u>64,971</u>
Total	\$ 1,619,638

The cuts in existing OPI activities represent an **11% cut** in the current \$15.1 Million OPI state funded budget for the biennium.

### **New Proposals NOT funded, but approved in Governor's Budget (biennium):**

#### OPI Agency Funding:

• 6 Curriculum Specialists	\$ 1,884,516
• Complete Tribal Histories	<u>275,000</u>
Total	\$ 2,159,516

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